

Corporate bankruptcies – France • July 2019

In June 2019, the number of corporate bankruptcies increased by 1.5% year-on-year

- At the end of June 2019, the aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the last 12 months amounted to 53,538, up by 1.5% compared to June 2018 (see tables A and B and charts 1 and 2).
- The aggregate number of bankruptcies over the past 3 months decreased compared to the same aggregate 3 months ago (-2.9%).

Over the past 12 months, the evolution of corporate bankruptcies varies across sectors

- The transportation sector, the advisory and business support activities, and the financial and insurance activities recorded the strongest increases in bankruptcies (+12.6%, +12.0% and +5.1% respectively, compared to June 2018). Bankruptcies also increased substantially in other sectors, particularly in the education, human health and other services sector (+2.3%), agriculture (+1.4%), and the accommodation and food service activities (+1.3%).
- However, over the same period, corporate bankruptcies decreased in the information and communication (-5.7%), real estate (-3.4%), wholesale and retail trade (-1.4%), and construction (-0.5%) sectors.

In June 2019, bankruptcies increased essentially for SMEs

- Bankruptcies increased for SMEs as a whole (+1.5%), despite a decrease for Very small firms (-4.8%). They decreased for Intermediate-sized enterprises (ISEs) and Large firms (-10 bankruptcies over 12 months see table B).

The outstanding loan amount of firms filing for bankruptcy over the past 12 months accounts, at the end of June, for around 0.3% of the total outstanding loan amount reported to the Banque de France's Central Credit Register.

The aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies increased by 0.8% at the end of July 2019 compared to July 2018, according to provisional data (see tables A and B and chart 2).

To find out more: data on business start-ups are reported by the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE): [Business start-ups on the INSEE's website](#)

A – Corporate bankruptcies by sector

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year on year change (%)

Business sector	Aggregate over the last 12 months ^a (gross data)					Quarter to Quarter sa / wda ^{bc}		Monthly data sa / wda ^c		
	June 18	June 19	June 19/June 18	July 19 prov.	July 19/July 18	June 19	Apr. 19	May 19	June 19	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ)	1,408	1,428	1.4 %	1,427	0.8 %	-3.4 %	102	126	118	
Industry (BE)	3,722	3,742	0.5 %	3,691	-1.0 %	-8.2 %	294	264	272	
Construction (FZ)	11,650	11,587	-0.5 %	11,572	-1.1 %	2.4 %	971	862	978	
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (G)	11,525	11,369	-1.4 %	11,329	-1.9 %	-0.9 %	933	880	953	
Transportation and storage (H)	1,886	2,123	12.6 %	2,081	6.9 %	-2.7 %	185	173	171	
Accommodation and food service activities (I)	7,114	7,208	1.3 %	7,215	1.0 %	-5.0 %	601	512	604	
Information and communication (JZ)	1,335	1,259	-5.7 %	1,270	-5.5 %	2.5 %	105	101	108	
Financial and insurance activities (KZ)	1,034	1,087	5.1 %	1,098	4.7 %	-5.4 %	85	92	83	
Real estate activities (LZ)	1,725	1,666	-3.4 %	1,664	-3.1 %	4.4 %	141	127	173	
Advisory & Business support activities (MN)	5,638	6,316	12.0 %	6,310	11.3 %	-3.1 %	513	480	490	
Education, human health and social work services, Arts, entertainment and recreation, Other service activities (P to S)	5,249	5,371	2.3 %	5,378	1.9 %	-8.1 %	418	453	423	
All firms^d	52,736	53,538	1.5 %	53,413	0.8 %	-2.9 %	4,391	4,112	4,418	

Source: Banque de France – database: Fiben. Data available at end-August 2019

Calculation : Banque de France – Companies Directorate – Companies Observatory

^a Aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the past 12 months compared to the same aggregate one year ago

^b Aggregate number of corporate bankruptcies over the past 3 months compared to the same aggregate three months ago

^c sa : seasonally adjusted – wda : working day adjusted

^d The line « All firms » includes legal units whose business sector is not known

B – Corporate bankruptcies by firm size

Bankruptcies in number of legal units, year on year change (%)

Size	Aggregate over the last 12 months ^a (gross data)					Quarter to quarter sa / wda ^{b,c}		Monthly data sa / wda ^c		
	June 18	June 19	June 19/June 18	July 19 prov.	July 19 / July 18	June 19	Apr. 19	May 19	June 19	
	SME, among them	52,690	53,502	1.5 %	53,378	0.8 %	-2.8 %	4,388	4,111	4,416
Micro-enterprises and unknown firm's size	49,791	50,626	1.7 %	50,529	1.0 %	-2.9 %	4,157	3,878	4,188	
Very small firms	1,768	1,684	-4.8 %	1,658	-6.6 %	-5.7 %	130	129	128	
Small firms	840	888	5.7 %	875	1.4 %	-14.2 %	64	70	72	
Medium-sized firms	291	304	4.5 %	316	8.6 %	19.0 %	38	32	18	
ISE – Large Firms	46	36	-21.7 %	35	-22.2 %					
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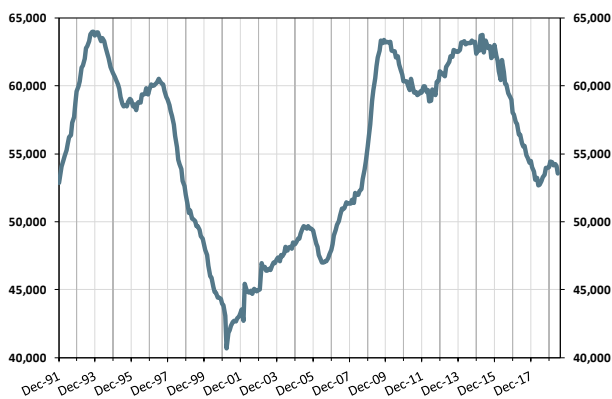
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C – Changes in corporate bankruptcies

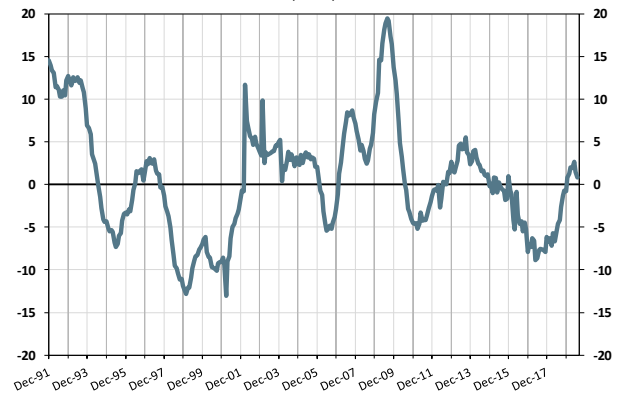
1 – Number of bankruptcies

Aggregate number of bankruptcies over the past 12 months
From Dec. 1991 to June 2019



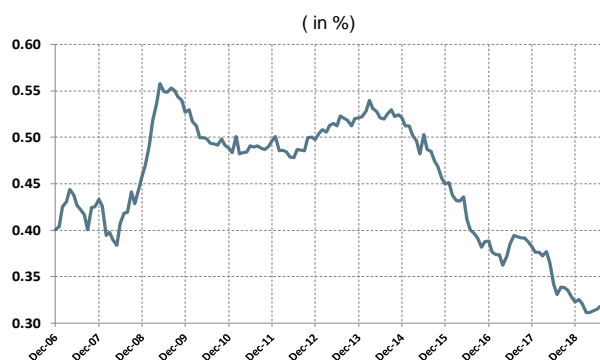
2 – Change in bankruptcies

Year-on-year change in the 12-month aggregate
From Dec. 1991 to June 2019 (+ July 2019 provisional)
(in %)



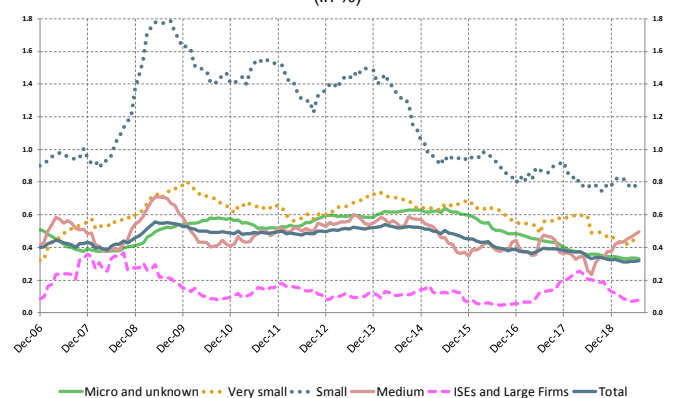
3 – Loan amounts of bankrupt non-financial firms over loan amount of all firms

Aggregate over the past 12 months
From Dec. 2006 to June 2019 (+ July 2019 provisional)



4 – Loan amounts of bankrupt non-financial firms over loan amount of all firms – broken down by firm size

Aggregate over the past 12 months
From Dec. 2006 to June 2019 (+ July 2019 provisional)
(in %)



Source: Banque de France, Companies Directorate, Data available at end-August 2019